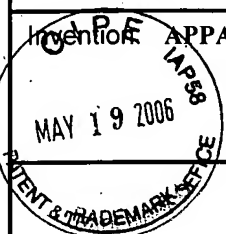


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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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RESPONSE TO THE THIRD OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the second Office Action mailed on February 28, 2006, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response expires on May 28, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.